

## LOK SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*Wednesday, November 20, 2019/Kartika 29, 1941(Saka)*

**(Prime Minister; Ministries of Atomic Energy; Coal; Commerce and Industry; Communications; Defence; Development of North Eastern Region; Electronics and Information Technology; External Affairs; Law and Justice; Mines; Parliamentary Affairs; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Planning; Railways; Space; Statistics and Programme Implementation)**

(प्रधान मंत्री; परमाणु ऊर्जा; कोयला; वाणिज्य और उद्योग; संचार; रक्षा; उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास; इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी; विदेश; विधि और न्याय; खान; संसदीय कार्य; कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन; योजना; रेल; अंतरिक्ष; सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय )

**Total Number of Questions — 230**

<b>Sanction/Action against Corrupt Officials</b>	<b>Unused MPLAD Fund</b>
<p>461. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH: SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL: SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM SHRANGARE:</p> <p>Will the PRIME MINISTER प्रधान मंत्री be pleased to state:</p> <p>(a) the total number of cases in which Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) awaits sanction to prosecute staff/officers from various Union/State Government Departments/Banks for more than one year;</p> <p>(b) the reasons for delay in giving sanction in the matter; and</p> <p>(c) the remedial steps taken by the Government to ensure prompt sanction/action against corrupt officials?</p>	<p>462. SHRI B.Y. RAGHAVENDRA: SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL: SHRI D.K. SURESH:</p> <p>Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री be pleased to state:</p> <p>(a) whether thousands of crores of rupees remain unspent under the Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) and if so, the details thereof;</p> <p>(b) whether the Central Information Commission (CIC) has suggested to come out with a legal framework to ensure transparency and accountability under the scheme and if so, the details in this regard;</p> <p>(c) whether the Government has taken any measures to put a legal framework in</p>

place to ensure transparency and accountability under the scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Rashtriya Rail Sanrakshan Kosh**

463. SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of funds allocated under the Rashtriya Rail Sanrakshan Kosh;

(b) the details of utilization in the year 2018-19; and

(c) whether the Government is taking other steps to ensure rail and passenger safety and if so, the details thereof?

### **Industrial Park Rating System**

464. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any criterion was used by the Government in the recently released "Industrial Park Rating System" to assess the quality of infrastructure in industrial parks and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of industrial parks that were assessed in this exercise and their State/UT-wise distribution;

(c) whether this system would help India in entering into the top 50 countries in the Ease of Doing Business Index; and

(d) if so, the further steps, if any, proposed to be taken to make it easier for policy makers and investors to gauge the infrastructure services in industrial parks?

### **Visit by Dignitaries**

465. DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:  
SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:  
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:  
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:  
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:  
SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of foreign trips undertaken by the Prime Minister of India, External Affairs Minister and other dignitaries during each of the last three months and the current month, country-wise;

(b) the details of foreign dignitaries who visited India during the last three months and the current month, country-wise;

(c) the total amount of funds spent by the Government on the said visits;

(d) the areas identified for co-operation and discussions held during the said visits;

(e) the agreements and MoUs signed and the advantages to the country as a result thereof;

(f) the details of the benefits accrued to India by visiting these countries; and

(g) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to boost the bilateral relations with these foreign countries?

**Old and Outdated Tracks**

466. SHRI SATYADEV  
PACHAURI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways is facing major problem due to old and outdated tracks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these outdated tracks are also the reasons for frequent railway accidents; and

(d) if so, the approximate length of tracks replaced by modern tracks during the last four years?

**Wi-Fi in Villages**

467. SHRI SUDHAKAR  
TUKARAM  
SHRANGARE:  
SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:  
MS. PRATIMA BHOUMIK:

Will the Minister of  
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to provide Wi-Fi in all the villages across the country through GramNet, specially in Maharashtra State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of villages where the Government has already provided the aforementioned services, State/UT-wise; and

(d) whether any private agencies are involved as intermediaries or implementing agencies in the process and if so, the details thereof?

**One Rupee Clinic**

†468. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN  
SINGH *ALIAS* LALAN  
SINGH:  
SHRI KAUSHALENDRA  
KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that a 'one rupee clinic' is being operated at the Thane Railway Station by a private organization and this experiment is proving very successful;

(b) if so, whether any provision is being made to operate this kind of clinics at the other big railway stations of the country;

(c) whether any arrangement has been made in the said clinics for the treatment of all types of patients; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Howdy Modi**

469. SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any partnership in the organisation of "Howdy Modi" event that happened in Houston last month and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has incurred any financial expenses for that event and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of total expenses of the Government to attend "Howdy Modi" event;

(d) whether the Government had any such convention of spending money to organise such events before and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the number of events organised in foreign countries with any type of financial assistance or complete financial support of the Government for the current Prime Minister?

**Social Schemes**

†470. SHRI KUNWAR  
PUSHPENDRA SINGH  
CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of  
STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME  
IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the social schemes being implemented at present in respect of social issues;

(b) whether the Government is considering to review the said schemes;

(c) whether the said schemes are lagging behind their schedule; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to make the said social schemes result oriented?

**Linking of Aadhaar with Social Media**

471. SHRIMATI S. JOTHIMANI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS  
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to enact a law for linking Aadhaar with

social media accounts of individuals and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government has ordered the removal of objectionable online content posted on social media and if so, the details thereof and the details of topics included therein; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to address the privacy concerns about the biometric data stored by UIDAI and leakages of personal information?

**Blast at Hubballi Railway Station**

472. SHRI NALIN KUMAR  
KATEEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a minor blast at Hubballi railway station in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any measures to enhance the security at all major railway stations to ensure safety of passengers; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

**High Pendency of Court Cases**

473. MS. DIYA KUMARI:  
MS. LOCKET  
CHATTERJEE:  
DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:  
SHRI PANKAJ  
CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND  
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of cases lying pending in various courts for more than 10 years and the number of cases of serious nature out of them;

(b) the number of cases pending in the Supreme Court, High Courts and various district courts and Tribunals as on date along with the initiative taken by the Government to reduce the backlog in a time-bound manner;

(c) whether the Government is aware of the abysmally low ratio of courts *vis-a-vis* the population of the country and if so, the steps taken by the Government to increase the ratio;

(d) whether the Government is considering to set up new High Courts in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the quantum of amount spent by the Government for the legal aid to the common/poor people during the last three financial years; and

(f) the other steps taken by the Government to dispose of the cases lying pending in various courts in a time-bound manner?

#### Preparedness of Armed Forces

474. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH  
BITTU:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the level of preparedness of the Indian Armed Forces is inadequate and if so, the details and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government is aware of CAG reports which say that there is not

enough ammunition for a period of more than 10 days and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to improve this figure drastically and if so, the details thereof?

#### Renting of Government Telecom Equipments

†475. SHRIMATI ANNPURNA  
DEVI:  
SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

Will the Minister of  
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has rented out its own telecom equipments to private Telecom Service Providers (TSPs);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the rate of rent being charged from them;

(d) whether the said TSPs are not paying rent on time and the Government is not taking timely and proper action in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

#### Modernisation of Army

476. SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to do modernisation of army with state of the art category equipments;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the allocation in the Defence Budget is sufficient for the modernisation of defence equipments;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the defence projects undertaken under the Make-in-India Initiative during the last three years?

#### Performance based Rankings of States

477. SHRI D.K.SURESH:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is taking any initiatives to come up with performance based rankings of States to foster a spirit of competitive federalism;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has identified the best practices in different States in various sectors to replicate them in other States; and

(d) if so, the programmes identified from various States and replicate them in other States during the last three years including the current year, year-wise and State-wise?

#### Privatization of Trains

478. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:  
SHRI UDAY PRATAP  
SINGH:

DR. (PROF.) KIRIT

PREMJIBHAI SOLANKI:

SHRI SUBBARAYAN K.:

SHRI HARISH DWIVEDI:

SHRI A. RAJA:

SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:

SHRI M. SELVARAJ:

SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:  
SHRI S. VENKATESAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is mulling over to allow other corporates to commence luxury rail within the country like Tejas Express;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has formed an Empowered Group of Secretaries (EGoS) to identify more routes for private train operators across the country and whether 24 potential routes have been identified;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Tamil Nadu;

(e) the time by which the Government is planning to invite bid from interested and qualified entities;

(f) whether it has been opposed in some of the States and if so, the details thereof along with Government's stand thereon; and

(g) whether the fares of train tickets would increase as a result of privatization and if so, whether subsidies would be retained to citizens travelling in these routes from various categories in Railway and if so, the details thereof?

#### Railway Projects in Odisha

479. SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR  
ULAKA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways consider to sanction "Rayagada-Gopalpur *via* Gunupur-Bhismagiri and Digapahandi" project and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Railways proposes to introduce a new daytime train from Koraput/Jeyapore to Bhubaneswar/Puri *via* Rayagada by the name of "Sabara Srikhetra Express";

(c) the current status of Jeyapore-Nabarangpur and Jeyapore -Malkangiri new rail line projects;

(d) the reasons for delay in completion of the projects;

(e) the Ministry of Railways is working on upgrading Jeyapore as a Junction before the above projects are completed and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### Transportation of e-Commerce Packages

480. SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:  
SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:  
SHRI SELVAM G.  
SHRIMATI SANDHYA RAY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Railways has partnered with Amazon India for a pilot programme to carry out inter-city transport of e-commerce packages, if so, the details thereof along with routes identified for this purpose;

(b) the targeted amount to be collected by Railways on this account;

(c) whether the Government has also plans to enter into partnership with e-commerce firms for transport of e-commerce packages and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the targeted amount to be earned by Railways during this fiscal through freight and passenger travel;

(e) whether the Government has taken steps to achieve the target and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the other steps taken by the Government to enhance freight and passenger travel earning of Railways?

#### Henley Passport Index

481. DR. (PROF.) KIRIT PREMJI BHAI SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware about India's low ranking among BRICS countries as per the annual Henley Passport Index and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reasons why Indian passport holders do not enjoy visa free access which is "visa on arrival" a visitor's permit, or an electronic travel authority in comparison with the passport holders of other BRICS nations;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to improve visa free access to Indian passport holders; and

(d) the list of countries in which Indians can travel with ease due to availability of visa free access?

#### Filling up of Vacancies

482. SHRI B.N.BACHE GOWDA:  
SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any details regarding number of vacancies reported and filled in Railways, especially in Karnataka region;

(b) if so, the details of the vacancies reported and filled during the last five years; year-wise;

(c) whether the Government has restricted/put ban on new recruitment; and

(d) if so, the reasons thereto?

#### Progress of IRNSS

483. SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far under Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS) program, in which India will have its own Positioning System;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to introduce this positioning system in consumer products like mobile phones; and

(c) the proposed timeline by which the positioning system would be introduced in consumer products?

#### Utilization of Funds

484. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of spending by the Ministry during the first six months of the current fiscal (2019-20);

(b) the difference between the spending and the budget allocated;

(c) whether this amount is less than the spending during the corresponding period of the last fiscal (2018-19); and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

#### Extension of Rajdhani Express

†485. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR PINTU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to run New Delhi-Dibrugarh Rajdhani *via* Sitamarhi-Raxaul-Darbhanga-Samastipur;

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be run; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Aadhaar Card to NRIs

†486. DR. RAM SHANKAR KATHERIA:

SHRI RAVI KISHAN:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide the facility of Aadhaar Card to NRIs;

(b) if so, the time by which the said facility is likely to be implemented;

(c) the documents which are likely to be considered valid for issuing Aadhaar card to NRIs; and

(d) the number of such persons so far issued Aadhaar card under the said system?

#### Foreign Exchange Loan to Exporters

†487. SHRIMATI RANJAN BEN DHANANJAY BHATT:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide foreign exchange loan at cheaper rate of interest to the exporters;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Funds for NESIDS

488. SHRI JAYANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the amount of funds released for North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) and amount unused, State-wise;

(b) whether there is emphasis on the construction of buildings of importance to human development such as schools and hospitals and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of projects currently approved under the scheme and the percentage completion of the projects, State-wise?

#### Digital India Programme

†489. SHRI PARBHUBHAI NAGARBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of Digital India Programme;

(b) the details of the expenditure incurred thereon so far, State/UT-wise including Gujarat;

(c) the details of the targets fixed and achievements made thereunder, State/UT-wise including Gujarat;

(d) the details of BPOs set up by the Government under the aegis of Digital India Programme across the country, State/UT-wise including Gujarat and the achievements made by them; and

(e) whether the Government is contemplating setting up of BPOs in some more States, if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be done?

#### Merger of BSNL and MTNL

†490. DR. BHARATIBEN DHIRUBHAI SHIYAL:  
SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:  
SHRIMATI QUEEN OJA:  
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR PINTU:

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MISRA TENI:  
KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has given in-principle approval to the merger of State-run Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) MTNL and BSNL and if so, the details thereof and the time by which these two TSPs are likely to be merged;

(b) whether the Government has any action plan to strengthen/revive/bailout the aforesaid TSPs and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) the extent to which the condition of these TSPs is likely to be improved by the aforesaid action plan;

(d) whether BSNL has been reporting losses continuously since 2009-10 and has been declared incipient sick and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to equip mobile towers of the said TSPs with 4G services and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) the steps taken by the Government to leverage the spectrum allotment to make BSNL and MTNL competitive in the telecom market; and

(g) whether both TSPs will offer voluntary retirement to their employees aged fifty years and above through attractive VRS options and if so, the details thereof?

#### Internet Facility in Remote Villages of Rajasthan

†491. SHRIMATI RANJEETA KOLI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether remote villages in the State of Rajasthan do not have Internet facility and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) whether Internet/Broadband speed is very slow in the remote villages where the same is available;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government in this regard?

#### Trade War between USA and China

†492. SHRI AJAY KUMAR MISRA TENI:  
SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether keeping in view the slowdown in the international market and the ongoing trade war between China and USA the Indian exporters are moving to such markets which have greater potential for Indian export;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the likely impact thereof on Indian export industry?

**National Integrated Information Portal (NIIP)**

493. SHRI SRIDHAR KOTAGIRI:  
SHRI P.V. MIDHUN  
REDDY:  
SHRI KOMATI REDDY  
VENKAT REDDY:

Will the Minister of  
STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME  
IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to set up a National Integrated Information Portal (NIIP);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the major aims and objectives of launching this portal?

**Transport Facility to Nuclear plants**

†494. SHRI CHANDRA  
PRAKASH JOSHI:  
SHRI SANGAM LAL  
GUPTA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government formulates any scheme for means of transport to ensure easy access to nuclear plants;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to connect Rawatbhata atomic power station with four lane road or rail network;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the time by which it is likely to be considered; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to set up any atomic power station in Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details thereof along with the locations identified for this project?

**Defence Export**

495. SHRI V.K. SREEKANDAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's defence exports is likely to triple to Rs. 35,000 crore by 2024;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is considering to lower bureaucratic barriers and simplify procedures to promote domestic defence manufacturing; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Operation Dhanush**

496. DR. SUKANTA  
MAJUMDAR:  
SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI  
LEKHI:  
SHRI RAJA  
AMARESHWARA NAIK:  
SHRI BHAGWANTH  
KHUBA:  
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started many new trains during the year 2019 including increase in frequency of weekly train from Balurghat to Howrah and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has prepared any calendar for launch of new trains across various railway zones of India and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Indian Railways has carried out recently a pan India Operation Dhanush against ticket touts and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Indian Railways has been hit hard by the economic slowdown as crores of revenue loss is reported from passenger and freight fares;

(e) if so, the details thereof including the Government's reaction thereto; and

(f) the other steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Damage to Coffee and Spices Plantations**

497. KUMARI SHOBHA  
KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE  
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment of damage caused to coffee and spices plantations in the States of Karnataka and Kerala has been made in view of heavy rains and floods in the regions and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government intends to provide some incentives and relief to coffee and spices growers to help them establish their plantation and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has constituted any Task Force to assess the extent of damage due to natural calamity and suggest suitable measures and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time likely to be taken to ensure that coffee and spices growers attain financial stability?

**Railway Projects in North East States**

498. SHRI M. BADRUDDIN  
AJMAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of railway projects in North East States, particularly in Assam are running behind schedule of completion;

(b) if so, the details of such projects and the reasons for delay; and

(c) the time by which these projects are likely to be completed to avoid further cost escalation?

**Wi-Fi in Trains**

499. SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY  
TATKARE:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
DR. AMOL RAMSING  
KOLHE:  
SHRI GAJANAN  
KIRTIKAR:  
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO  
BHAMRE:  
SHRI BALUBHAU *ALIAS*  
SURESH NARAYAN  
DHANORKAR:  
SHRI K. NAVASKANI:  
SHRI MOHANBHAI  
KALYANJI  
KUNDARIYA:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN  
MAHATO:  
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIV  
RAO MANDLIK:

SHRI KULDEEP RAI  
SHARMA:  
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:  
SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is planning to provide Wi-Fi service inside trains in the next four to four-and-a-half years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of towers and equipments which are required to make this facility possible;

(c) whether the Wi-Fi service inside the trains would help in maintaining security inside the train compartments and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the funds allocated/ earmarked for the said purpose;

(e) the problem being faced by the Government in implementing this service inside the train; and

(f) the time by which the said services would be implemented?

#### Defence Deals

500. SHRI SISIR KUMAR  
ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has signed agreements with the foreign countries to setup equipment manufacturing units and defence production units in the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present status of all defence deals in respect to foreign agreements done since 2013-14 as on date;

(d) the details of capacity, production and participation of Public Sector Units (PSUs) to promote indigenisation and self-reliance in the defence sector under the agreements towards commitment of the Government; and

(e) the details of domestic private partners coordinating and/or participating in such defence deals of the country since 2013-14?

#### Export Details Pre/Post Demonetization

501. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE  
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state the details of exports from India in each of the three years before and after demonetization?

#### Penalty Imposed on Telecom Companies

502. SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA  
DEVARAYALU:  
SHRI SYED IMTIAZ  
JALEEL:  
SHRI ASADUDDIN  
OWAISI:

Will the Minister of  
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the apex court has allowed the Union Government to recover Rs.92,000 crore from telecom companies

as licence fee and penalty along with interest based on revenue sharing and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether this verdict is expected to put more pressure on the telecom sector which is already under stress and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether telecom companies have urged the Government to provide them a bail-out package and if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto;

(d) whether the Government has constituted any committee of Secretaries in this regard and is considering a bail-out package and if so, the details thereof and the time by which a decision is likely to be taken by the said committee in the aforesaid matter;

(e) whether telecom companies owe approximately Rs.46,300 crore as spectrum usage charges to the Government and if so, the details thereof, telecom companies-wise; and

(f) whether the Government is planning to recover the aforesaid charges from these companies and if so, the details thereof?

#### Confirmation of Tickets on MP Quota

†503. SHRI UPENDRA SINGH  
RAWAT:  
SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the wait listed tickets of the Uttar Pradesh and Bihar bound trains on the occasion of Holi, Dussehra, Diwali and Chhath Parv, are not being confirmed on

the request of Hon'ble MPs due to which they have to feel ashamed in front of their relatives;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor and the rules regarding ticket confirmation under VIP quota for all the MPs;

(c) whether there is any scheme to ensure that the over increasing number of passengers get to their destinations even after running special trains during festive seasons; and

(d) whether there is a proposal in this regard to add additional general and sleeper class bogeys in all the trains for Uttar Pradesh and Bihar?

#### FDI in Coal Sector

504. SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA  
BARNE:  
SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM  
PATIL:  
DR. DNV  
SENTHILKUMAR S.:  
DR. HEENA GAVIT:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved 100 per cent foreign direct investment under the automatic route in mining, processing and sale and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the advantage of opening 100 per cent foreign direct investment in coal sector;

(c) whether this move would end monopoly of Coal India Ltd. and encourage competition and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has consulted other stakeholders including workers' union before going for 100 per cent foreign direct investment and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether around half a million coal mine workers has gone on strike recently against FDI in coal thereby affecting the coal production in Coal India and also steep revenue loss;

(f) if so, whether the Government has held discussion with unions of coal mine workers on this issue and if so, the outcome thereof; and

(g) the other steps taken by the Government to boost coal production in the country and reduce its import from other countries?

#### Quality of Telecom Services

505. SHRIMATI MAHUA MOITRA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the statistics on the quality of service provided by the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) in the country during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise and TSP-wise; and

(b) the statistics on call drop rate and calls with good voice quality rate in terms of percentage, State/UT-wise and TSP-wise?

#### Central Equipment Identity Register

506. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIV  
RAO MANDLIK:

SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:  
SHRI FEROZE VARUN  
GANDHI:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN  
MAHATO:  
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL  
SAMBHAJIRAO MANE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS संचार मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched a project called Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR) through the Department of Telecommunication on pilot basis in Maharashtra to rescue people who's mobile phones are lost or stolen;

(b) if so, the details and the salient features thereof;

(c) whether the Government has launched a new web portal in this regard on which people can register their complaints of lost and theft mobile phones and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to start the said project in other parts of the country to discourage the theft of mobile phones across the country and if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be launched in the whole country; and

(e) whether DoT has also launched a maritime communications service, and that VSAT solutions provider NELCO would undertake broadband services in the maritime sector and if so, the details and the salient features thereof?

#### Establishment of IIFT

507. SHRI M.V.V.  
SATYANARAYANA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is proposing for the establishment of Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) at Visakhapatnam; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

#### Post Office and Post Office Saving Accounts

508. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:  
DR. SUJAY  
RADHAKRISHNA  
VIKHE PATIL:  
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL  
SAMBHAJIRAO MANE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices and the number of post office saving accounts opened across the country, State/UT-wise, including Maharashtra;

(b) the total amount of money deposited in these accounts, State/UT-wise, including Maharashtra;

(c) the amount of money remaining unclaimed in these post offices, State/UT-wise, along with the measures taken by the Government to utilise the unclaimed money;

(d) the status of the digital banking services for post offices proposed by the Government; and

(e) the details of the other services provided/proposed to be provided to such account holders?

#### Satellites to assess Pollution Status

509. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB  
SINGH VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department has used its satellites to assess the pollution situation in Delhi, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Department has calculated the contribution of stubble burning in Delhi's pollution, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Department would release images of stubble burning which would have been captured by ISRO satellites and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the images released by NASA showing stubble burning in Punjab and Haryana is accurate, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Low Growth Rate in Core Sectors

510. SHRI SHIVAKUMAR C.  
UDASI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the data released by the Government reveals low growth rate in core sectors and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;



(b) the extent to which the core sector would impact the Index of Industrial Production; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken by the Government to further boost the core sector growth?

#### Penalties for Call Drops

†511. SHRI VISHNU DATT SHARMA:  
SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:  
SHRI GIRISH BHALCHANDRA BAPAT:  
SHRIMATI SHARDABEN ANILBHAI PATEL:  
SHRI DHARAMBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS  
संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the call drop problem is taking place in networks of all the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) across the country including Haryana and Delhi for the past several years and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(b) whether the Government is contemplating the review of telecom policy to check call drops and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether call drop norms have currently been violated by various telecom companies and if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether there is a provision to compensate the mobile subscribers with regard to call drops and if so, the State/ UT-wise details of the compensation paid by the companies as on date;

(e) whether the Government has imposed any penalty on telecom companies for call drop and if so, the details thereof, telecom company-wise; and

(f) the details of telecom providers who paid the said penalty imposed on them along with the details of payments made?

#### Quality of Food in Trains

512. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH:  
SHRI VENKATESH NETHA BORLAKUNTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS  
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways is providing quality and hygienic food to the passengers in private trains like Tejas; and

(b) if not, the details and number of cases reported in this regard?

#### Status of Chabahar Project

513. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Chabahar Project;

(b) the details of investments made by India on Chabahar Project till today;

(c) the impact of sanctions on Iran by the United States on the development of Chabahar Project; and

(d) whether 17 foreign countries announced their readiness for contribution to the port's development including China, recently and if so, the details thereof including the impact foreseen by the Ministry on the basis of this development?

#### Railway Projects

†514. SHRI SADASHIV KISAN LOKHANDE:  
DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR:  
SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:  
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS  
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ongoing railway projects at present and their project-wise and zone-wise details thereof;

(b) the number of projects out of these lagging behind the schedule and their project-wise details particularly in Araria district of Bihar;

(c) the project-wise details of cost escalations, due to the pendency of above projects, deadlines and source of funding; and

(d) the details of the steps taken to complete above projects on time?

#### Conversion of Metre Gauge Line into Broad Gauge

515. SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI KUNDARIYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any representation to convert the Jasdan-Botad metre gauge line into broad gauge;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made so far in this regard; and

(c) the time by which the broad gauge lines are likely to be completed?

#### Theft in Trains

†516. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:  
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in the cases of theft, loot and other crimes with passengers in various long distance trains;

(b) if so, the number of such cases reported during the last one year, zone-wise; and

(c) the efforts made by the Government to check such crimes and to ensure that the passengers travel in trains without any fear?

#### New Railway Lines

†517. DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any announcement has been made in the last budget for new rail

route between Manmad-Malegaon-Dhule-Nardana-Indore and Nashik-Pune;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of work undertaken so far regarding the said proposed rail route?

#### **Discontinuation of Housekeeping Services**

518. DR. VISHNU PRASAD M.K.:

SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have decided to discontinue the onboard housekeeping services and toilet maintenance, in the running trains in Southern Railways;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any alternative arrangement has been worked out to ensure cleanliness in the trains, in view of complaints of unhygienic conditions like presence of cockroaches and rats running in the trains; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Trolley Facility at Stations**

†519. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE SHARMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposed to provide trolley facility at stations to senior citizens, women and differently abled persons during the train journey;

(b) if so, the time by which such facility is likely to be provided along with the names of such stations;

(c) whether the above categories of people are required to book the trolley in advance; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Commercial Coal Mining**

520. SHRI A. RAJA:

DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the Commercial Coal Mining introduced within the country;

(b) the reasons for Commercial Coal Mining across the country;

(c) whether the Government has identified coal blocks likely to be included under Commercial Coal Mining;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Tamil Nadu and the reasons therefor;

(e) the details of the number of companies showed interest for participation of auction of these coal blocks so far and the time by which the auction is likely to be held along with the norms, criteria fixed for this;

(f) whether the Government is also planning to introduce FDI under this programme, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(g) whether it has been opposed in some of the States including Tamil Nadu, if so, the details thereof and the Government stand thereon?

#### **Sainik School in Bihar**

521. DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sainik school of district Gopalganj in Bihar is running without full strength of staff/teachers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to approve all infrastructure facilities to the school and increase the number of seats in the school; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the total number of girl and boy students enrolled in the school?

#### **Construction of new Railway Lines**

522. SHRIMATI PRAMILA BISOYI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of budget allocated for new railway lines for the financial year 2019-20;

(b) the budget allocated for new railway lines for the State of Odisha during the last five years; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to expedite construction of new railway lines for better connectivity in remote areas of the State of Odisha?

#### **ROB at Avaneeswaram**

523. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to commence the construction of ROB at Avaneeswaram (LC No. 519) under Madurai division in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Railways has received a priority list of ROB/RUBs from the State Government of Kerala for construction on cost sharing basis; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the present status and priority during this year in Madurai division?

#### **Construction of Railway Line**

524. SHRI JUAL ORAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposal for the construction of a third railway line between Rourkela and Jharsuguda in Odisha;

(b) if so, the estimated cost and the details of funds sanctioned for that project;

(c) the time limit fixed to complete the construction work of new railway line;

(d) the estimated number of people likely to be displaced on implementation of that line; and

(e) the steps taken to rehabilitate those people and the amount of compensation paid/likely to be paid to each affected family?

#### Modernization of Railway Stations

525. SHRI DIBYENDU  
ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Empowered Group of Secretaries under the CEO of NITI Aayog will now decide how best to develop the country's railway stations through Public-Private Participation (PPP) and bring in private players to run more than 150 trains of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the train operations which will be privatized thereof;

(d) whether a final decision has been taken by the Empowered Group therein; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, by when a final decision would be taken in this regard?

#### Agreements with China

526. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:  
SHRI T.R. BAALU:  
DR. SUKANTA  
MAJUMDAR:  
SHRI RAJA  
AMARESHWARA NAIK:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the major agreements signed during the visit of Chinese President Xi Jinping's India visit during October, 2019;

(b) whether China has invited India to become a partner in China's Belt and Road Initiative during the visit and if so, the details thereof including the Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether there was a high-level economic and trade dialogue mechanism developed between finance ministers to boost import and export volumes, bridge the huge trade deficit and increase mutual investment and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has signed any deal on border road and a controversial extradition treaty with China and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other major achievements of the Chinese President's India trip?

#### Constellation of Remote Sensing Satellites

527. SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:  
MS. PRATIMA  
BHOUMIK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any progress has been made in technical discussions to realise a virtual constellation of remote sensing satellites provided by space agencies as part of the BRICS Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the purposes for which such a network can be utilised?

#### BHIM Application

528. SHRI RAJESHBHAI  
CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS  
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for encouragement of the use of State-run BHIM application for digital payment system;

(b) whether Government is planning to make the use of BHIM-UPI mandatory for all digital payment platforms;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Privatisation of Ordnance Factories

529. SHRI S.  
JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken decision to privatise Ordnance Factories in the country including OCM, HVF, Engine Factory at Avadi, Gun Factory, etc. at Tiruchi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has thought of the future of thousands of workers working in those factories, who are protesting for more than a month;

(d) if so, the details thereof and whether the Government is reconsidering its policy of privatizing those sensitive factories in view of military strategy; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Encroachment on Defence Land

†530. SHRI RAMCHARAN  
BOHRA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases related to unauthorised construction/encroachment and poor management of lease of the land falling under the Defence Estate Organization Management have come to the notice of the Government during the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the number of such cases that came to light during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise along with the area of defence land encroached upon in the country in such cases;

(c) the State/UT-wise number of such cases in which the unauthorised construction/encroachment has been removed during the said period;

(d) the number of encroachers penalised; and

(e) the mechanism set up by the Government to save the defence land of the country from such unauthorised construction/encroachment along with the steps taken/being taken in this regard?

#### Proposed Rail Coach Factory at Kanjikode, Palakkad

531. SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:  
MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways is going ahead/approved the proposed coach factory at Kanjikode, Palakkad in Kerala;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the time by which it is likely to be completed; and

(c) the details of ongoing/new projects in Kerala and Tamil Nadu in the next three years?

#### **Electrification of Railway Lines under North-West Railways**

†532. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether approval has been granted for the electrification of railway lines under North-West Railways during 2018-19;

(b) if so, the division-wise details thereof along with the amount of funds sanctioned for this work; and

(c) the current status of the electrification of railway lines under North-West during 2018-19 and the time by which the said work is likely to be completed?

#### **Gauge Conversion between Shapur-Saradiya Railway Line**

†533. SHRI RAMESHBHAI LAVJIBHAI DHADUK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the metre gauge railway line between Shapur-Saradiya in the State of Gujarat is in dilapidated condition for years and whether the Government has taken action for gauge conversion of this railway line;

(b) if so, whether no concrete action is being taken in this regard, so far;

(c) if so, the time by which the gauge conversion work of Shapur-Saradiya railway line is likely to be completed;

(d) whether a railway line in Upleta located in Saurashtra area of Gujarat State was converted into a broad gauge in the year 2012 and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether prior to gauge conversion three passenger trains were running earlier while after gauge conversion only one passenger train is running on this line; and

(f) if so, the time by which the passenger train between Porbandar-Upleta-Mumbai is likely to be introduced by the Government?

#### **Automatic Ticket Vending Machines**

534. SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:

SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:

SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:  
DR. DNV

SENTHILKUMAR S.:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched 'One-touch Automatic Ticket Vending Machines' in Mumbai Suburban Network, if so, the details thereof along with the salient features and objectives;

(b) if so, the total number of ATVMs that have been installed till now;

(c) whether the smart cards can be used to buy unreserved tickets to anywhere across India and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of financial allocation made for the said purpose;

(e) the details of the benefits availed to the passengers from the said facility; and

(f) the time by which this facility would be implemented all over India?

#### **Utilisation of Nuclear Energy**

†535. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agency/institution is being set up to ensure better utilization of nuclear energy;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the targets set for generation/utilization of power from nuclear energy under the schemes;

(c) whether the said targets have been achieved and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the future action plan for nuclear energy?

#### **Visa Processing Offices**

536. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Visa Processing Offices in Guwahati; and

(b) whether the Government would take necessary action to open such offices of neighbouring countries; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

#### **PIL for Medical Termination of Pregnancy**

537. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of PILs filed in the Supreme Court for medical termination of pregnancy for the last ten years;

(b) the number of PILs filed in the State High Courts for medical termination of pregnancy during the said period; and

(c) the time taken to dispose such PILs?

#### **Coal Linkage**

538. SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:

SHRIMATI RATHVA GITABEN

VAJESINGBHAI:  
SHRI NARANBHAI

KACHHADIYA:  
SHRI SHANTANU

THAKUR:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria laid down for allocation of coal linkages to consumers in power, steel and coal sectors;

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps to detect unauthorized mining/unauthorized sale activity extending beyond allotted lease area; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

**Freight Rates**

539. SHRIMATI NUSRAT  
JAHAN RUHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways' freight rates are higher than other modes of transport for several commodities and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Railways freight traffic has massively declined in the last 50 years and if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(c) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**New Station at Mattannor**

540. SHRI KUMBAKUDI  
SUDHAKARAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any request to sanction the construction of a railway station at Mattannor near Kannur International Airport for the convenience of passengers travelling by means of public transport, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has plans to construct a railway station at the said location;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated and timeline for implementation of this project; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Agreement on Manufacturing of LCA**

541. SHRI NITESH GANGA  
DEB:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has signed MoU for manufacturing of Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) and the Su-30 MKI jets by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Cases Sent by CBI to ACB**

†542. SHRI HANUMAN  
BENIWAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether various cases presented to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) are forwarded to the agencies of the concerned States/Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB);

(b) if so, the number of cases related to Rajasthan that have been forwarded to various agencies of Rajasthan Government/ACB by the CBI during the last three years, case-wise; and

(c) the provisions for seeking monitoring/investigation reports from the concerned States with regard to the cases forwarded by CBI along with the details thereof?

**Backlog of Vacancies**

543. MOHAMMED FAIZAL  
P.P.:

SHRI RAHUL GANDHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a backlog of vacancies, especially for reserved posts in the Indian Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including class-wise sanctioned strength;

(c) whether the Railways proposes to conduct recruitment drives to fill the backlog;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of number of vacancies including technical, non-technical, safety related posts in the Railways as on date, post-wise, category-wise, group-wise and zone-wise separately; and

(f) the time by which these posts are lying vacant along with the reasons therefor?

**Doubling of Yeshwantpur-Channasandra Railway Line Project**

544. SHRI P.C. MOHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of doubling of Yeshwantpur-Channasandra railway line project in Bengaluru and the time by which the project is likely to be completed; and

(b) the details and present status of the 48 kilometre Baiyappanahalli - Hosur track work?

**Import of Defence Equipments**

545. SHRI VASANTHAKUMAR  
H.:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken by the Government to reduce imports of defence equipments;

(b) whether it is a fact that India is the largest importer of defence equipments and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government is encouraging production of domestic defence equipments and R&D works in the field of defence and if so, the details thereof and fund allocation made in this regard during the last three years?

**Loss Incurred by BSNL and MTNL**

†546. SHRI SANJAY JADHAV:  
SHRI UDAY PRATAP  
SINGH:

Will the Minister of  
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited have incurred loss repeatedly during the last few years and if so, the details thereof including the loss registered by these two companies during each of the last three years and the current year, Company-wise and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government has allocated any fund to pull these companies out of loss and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for the reported deterioration in the services provided by these two Telecom Service Providers (TSPs);

(d) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to improve the services and revival of the aforesaid TSPs and if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(e) the number of employees who have not been paid salary during the last few months, TSP-wise and the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

#### Function to Commemorate 70 Years of Constitution

547. SHRI NATARAJAN P.R.:

Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

संसदीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any decision to arrange a function to commemorate the 70 years of adoption of the Indian Constitution;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Unmanned Level Crossings

†548. SHRI CHANDESHWAR

PRASAD:

SHRIMATI NUSRAT

JAHAN RUHI:

SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to construct Rail Over Bridges on all the unmanned and manned railway crossings in the country;

(b) if so, the time by which the construction of these Rail Over Bridges would be completed and the details thereof with respect to Uttar Pradesh;

(c) the number of such over bridges to be constructed in the country, especially in Bihar and Bikaner Division along with the locations thereof;

(d) whether the Government is aware of the fact that Railway crossing are kept closed unnecessarily and as a result diesel worth crores of rupees is wasted; and

(e) the time limit for crossing the railway crossings prior to arrival and after departure of the trains as per rule?

#### Litigations against Selection Procedure in UPSC

†549. SHRI JAI PRAKASH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a plethora of litigations against the selection procedure of the Public Service Commission and Union Public Service Commission in various High Courts and Supreme Court of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that despite being an autonomous institution the Public Service Commission is not able to keep pace with new demands like any other Government organisation;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to improve the functioning of Public Service Commissions to overcome such a situation and to make the good governance stronger in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Feeder Stations in Kerala

550. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to implement feeder stations in the state of Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of stations;

(c) whether the Government has received any representations/requests in this regard along with the action taken thereon; and

(d) the details of funds allotted for the same along with the time by which the feeder stations are likely to become operational?

#### Pending ROB/RUB in Gujarat

†551. SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the railway over-bridges in Gujarat where construction work is pending at present;

(b) the reasons for the said work lying pending and the details thereof, project-wise;

(c) the current status of the construction work of the said pending over bridges and the details thereof, project-wise;

(d) whether the Government has set any target for the completion of the said pending railway over-bridges; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Attack on Indian Fishermen

552. DR. T. SUMATHY (a) THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of attacks on Indian fishermen by Sri Lankan Navy still exists in the last five years in spite of several measures taken by both Indian and Sri Lankan Governments;

(b) if so, the details of such cases reported during each of the last three years till date and the number of Indian fishermen injured, captured or killed in such incidents;

(c) whether the Government is providing satellite phones to fishermen as a safety measure and to track them during the encounters with Sri Lankan Navy;

(d) if not, the reasons for not providing satellite phones to fishermen as a safety measure; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government for safety and security of the fishermen against such attacks?

#### Broadband Coverage

553. SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to expand internet coverage in the country, especially in the State of Odisha;

(b) whether the Government has provided/propose to provide any incentives to Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) to set up communication towers in thinly populated areas and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the broadband coverage in the country, State/UT-wise along with its comparison with other countries; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to rationalize the cost of broadband services in the country?

#### **Shortage of Lithium and Cobalt Mines**

†554. SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of lithium and cobalt in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the shortage of lithium and cobalt has an adverse impact on the production of electric vehicles;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard;

(e) whether the Government has made any survey to ascertain lithium and cobalt mines in the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Angamaly-Sabari Railway Line**

555. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:  
ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal for the speedy completion of Angamaly-Sabari Rail project in Kerala and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the current status of the above Rail Project;

(c) whether the Angamaly-Sabari Rail project has been removed from the priority list of Kerala Rail Development Corporation Ltd.;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of latest revised estimate of Sabari Rail project; and

(f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for timely completion of this project?

#### **Development of Vidarbha Region**

†556. SHRI ASHOK  
MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has taken or proposes to take any steps to prepare an action plan for all round development of Vidarbha region in Maharashtra by declaring it as backward region;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Coal Production**

557. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country would need 615 million tonnes of coal in 2018-19 and

that would require State-run Coal India Limited to send average 288 rakes per day through Railways;

(b) whether it is also a fact that average overall loading has been 270.8 rakes per day, as on August 31, 2019, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there would be a spurt in demand of coal transport through Railways only; and

(d) if so, whether coal supply through road is unlikely to increase significantly?

#### **Shortcomings of Train 18**

558. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken feedback from the passengers of Train 18;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the passengers highlighted any major shortcomings regarding the Train 18;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to address the shortcomings, if any; and

(e) the passenger occupancy rates in Train 18?

#### **Indians Trapped Abroad**

559. SHRI PASUNOORI  
DAYAKAR:  
SHRIMATI VANGA  
GEETHA VISWANATH:  
SHRI N. REDDEPPA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any details of Indians who are/were trapped/held captive in Iraq, Libya and other countries and if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the Government has provided any financial assistance to such stranded persons in each country and if so, the details of the help desks opened and treatment meted out to such trapped persons abroad and the steps being taken to safely evacuate them; and

(c) the number of Indians who have returned to the country and the number of Indians who are still trapped in Iraq, Libya and other foreign countries?

#### **Spectrum Pricing**

560. SHRI VINOD KUMAR  
SONKAR:  
DR. SUKANTA  
MAJUMDAR:  
SHRI RAJA  
AMARESHWARA NAIK:  
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

Will the Minister of  
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to undertake reforms in pricing of the spectrum and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is planning to auction the 5G spectrum at further reduced price and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has decided to merge the national telephone carrier BSNL with MTNL and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is aware that the current reserve price of 5G spectrum in the country is seven times higher than in other countries and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to rationalise the pricing of spectrum?

### Joining Policy for Engineering Department

†561. SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the employees under the engineering department of the Ministry are neither relieved nor have joined even after months/years of being promoted and transferred;

(b) if so, the details along with the reasons thereof, particularly of North-Central Railway, Allahabad; and

(c) the directions given by the Government for transferred employees to join at their posting stations and the time by which they are likely to join?

### Stoppage of Trains

†562. SHRI SHA.BRA.DR.JAI  
SIDDESHWAR  
SHIVACHARYA  
MAHASWAMIJI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Railways is considering any proposal to provide a stoppage for Hussain Sagar Express, Bikaner Express, Secunderabad Hubli

Express at Akalkot Road railway station under Solapur parliamentary constituency of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, whether a letter has been written to General Manager of Central Railway, Mumbai to provide such a stoppage to the said Trains at Akalkot Road railway station by the Divisional Railway Manager, Solapur;

(c) if so, the details of decisions taken by the General Manager on this letter; and

(d) the time by which the said trains are likely to be provided a stoppage at Akalkot Road railway station?

### Disaster Resilient Telecom Infrastructure

563. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA  
SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of  
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide coastal areas with disaster resilient telecommunication infrastructure;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the plan proposed by the Government for the next five years; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Darjeeling Tea

564. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE  
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is shifting the quality control lab earmarked for testing the quality of Darjeeling Tea to Jalpaiguri;

(b) if so, the manner in which the shifting of Quality Control lab from the hills to distant Jalpaiguri would help to control the quality of "Darjeeling Tea" which enjoys a unique "Geographical Indicator" status under the World Trade Organization; and

(c) the steps taken by the Ministry to protect Darjeeling Tea from cheap tea of other regions, labelled and sold as Darjeeling Tea?

### Upgradation of Railway Stations

†565. SHRI NABA KUMAR  
SARANIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of railway stations upgraded in the North-East States along with the name of facilities added therein;

(b) the details of places where new railway lines are proposed to be laid in the North-East States;

(c) the details of the number of PSUs and Bodies under the ownership of Railways along with their names and major functions; and

(d) the details of locations of rest houses/guest houses of the Railways?

### RoB in Bijnaur

†566. SHRI MALOOK NAGAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of flyover proposed on railway crossing at Nagina in the Bijnaur constituency which has reportedly been sanctioned;

(b) whether there is any scheme to construct railway flyover or underpass on two other railway crossings at town Chandpur in Bijnaur constituency which causes traffic jam and frequent road accidents;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which the same are likely to be completed?

### Centralised Catering Services Monitoring Cell

567. SHRI GIRISH  
BHALCHANDRA  
BAPAT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of grievances related to catering services that were received by Centralised Catering Services Monitoring Cell (CSMC) in the past five years and the number out of them that was resolved;

(b) the number of regular and surprise inspections conducted by Railway officials in the past two years for monitoring of quality and hygiene, the details of the penal action taken, like imposition of fines or termination of contract, etc.; and

(c) the details of NABCB-accredited auditing agencies currently associated with Railways for conducting third party audit of the catering services?



**Doubling of Railway Track over the Brahmaputra River**

†568. SHRIMATI QUEEN OJA:  
SHRI RAMESH CHANDER  
KAUSHIK:  
SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal for doubling of the railway track constructed over the Brahmaputra river passing through Guwahati;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) whether any action has been initiated for the doubling of the railway track constructed over the Brahmaputra river passing through Guwahati and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Railway Tickets in Different Languages**

569. SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:  
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ministry will provide information in regional languages like Kannada, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Bengali, Gujarati, etc., in the various websites of the Railways like irctc.co.in, indianrail.gov.in, rrbcdg.gov.in *in lieu* of the different languages spoken and practised in various parts of the country and the technological advances leading to easier design;

(b) if so, the deadline by which such information would be made available;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the Government is planning to introduce printing of railway tickets in regional languages, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Vacancies in Andhra Pradesh Postal Circle**

570. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are more than 1,100 vacancies of Multi Tasking Staff, Postman, Postal Assistant, etc. in Andhra Pradesh postal Circle;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether these posts have been lying vacant for considerable time of 2,3, and 5 years and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, post-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard and the time by which the aforesaid posts are likely to be filled?

**Doubling of Railway Lines**

†571. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:  
SHRI GIRIDHARI YADAV:  
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the location-wise details regarding doubling of railway lines being undertaken in the country, particularly in Bihar;

(b) the location-wise and railway line-wise details of the funds allocated and

utilized for doubling of railway lines during the last three years in the State of Bihar; and

(c) the details of works of doubling of railway lines that are likely to be completed in Bihar during the current financial year?

**Army Recruitment Camps**

572. DR. G. RANJITH REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of army recruitment made by the Army Recruiting Offices in various States during the last three years and the current year, year and State-wise;

(b) whether it is true that only three recruitment camps each in 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 have been conducted in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana which are much less when compared to many other States and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also true that in 2019-20 only one recruitment camp was held in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;

(d) if so, whether there are any plans to hold more number of camps in these States and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the criteria being adopted in holding the camps and number of youth selected during the above period, district-wise in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana?

**Cyber Security**

573. SHRI KOTHA  
PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) has signed cooperation pacts with its counterparts in Malaysia, Singapore and Japan for cyber security and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the CERT-In is the nodal agency responsible for dealing with cyber security threats and the said pacts will promote closer cooperation for exchange of knowledge and experience in detection resolution and prevention of security-related incidents between India and the three countries and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the CERT-In to deal with cyber security threats so far?

**Rail Neer**

†574. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:  
SHRI SUDHAKAR  
TUKARAM  
SHRANGARE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether 75 per cent of the business of bottled drinking water has been captured by the private players as against the mere 25 per cent supply of Rail Neer in the Railways;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the total number of private companies and the brands authorised to sell water in the Indian Railways and the stations, the zone-wise details thereof;

(d) whether bottled drinking water of unauthorised brands is being sold by the vendors and stalls at railway stations;

(e) if so, the action taken by the Railways against them;

(f) the total number of Rail Neer plants in the country and the production capacity thereof; and

(g) the total number of new plants proposed to be set up to meet the demand and the reasons for the delay being caused in setting up of these plants?

#### **Dues Pending Against Telecom Service Providers**

†575. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:  
SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:  
SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:  
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH *ALIAS* LALAN SINGH:  
PROF. SAUGATA RAY:  
SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than approximately Rs. 92,000 crore worth amount of Government is outstanding against the private and State-run Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) on account of license fees and if so, the details thereof, TSP-wise and the steps taken by the Government to recover the said amount;

(b) whether the Government has fixed any accountability in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether TSPs have failed to pay Adjusted Gross Revenues (AGRs) to the Government on time and if so the details thereof along with the quantum of AGRs of TSPs due to the Government, TSP-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to provide a waiver for penalties and interest on the non-payment of license fee on AGRs by TSPs and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government is considering to extend the time limit for TSPs for the payment of license fee, penalty, interest and other dues and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the debt burden of the telecom industry and if so, details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

#### **Data Governance Centre**

576. SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA KRISHANA RAJU:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up a nationalised data governance centre to hold all public data and lay down guidelines for the management and sharing of data between the State and Central agencies; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

#### **Passport Seva Project**

577. MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to extend Passport Seva project to all the Indian missions and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has directed Indian missions to issue passports in less than 48 hours to citizens abroad and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Indian missions have been digitally linked with the data centre back home to speed up the process of issuing passport and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to simplify rules and regulations for passport applicants and digital verification of their information and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to issue new set of passports with all kinds of security features and better printing and paper quality; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Job Vacancy in High Courts**

578. ADV. A.M. ARIFF:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether over 10,000 posts of LDA, Copyist, Typist, Law Clerks, Private Secretary, Stenographer, Judicial Assistant, Research Assistant are vacant in different High Courts of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether nearly 450 posts of Judges are still vacant cumulatively in the Supreme Court and all 24 High Courts of the country thereto and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether in four High Courts, there are acting Chief Justices;

(d) if so, the details of category-wise vacancies and proposal to fill up all vacancies in a time-bound mechanism; and

(e) the details of referral of Supreme Court Collegiums and State's recommendations therein and action taken thereon?

#### **Pending Cases in Courts**

†579. SHRI CHUNNI LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued guidelines under the new policy for expeditious disposal of pending cases in courts of the country;

(b) if so, the details of the pending cases in Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh during the last two years and the current year; and

(c) whether the reason behind the late disposal of the pending cases is the dearth of judges and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Judge Collegium Decision**

580. SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to make it mandatory for judges to furnish reasons when they recuse from a case and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the average time taken by the Government to take a call on judge collegiums decision; and

(c) the details of number of such decisions that have been overturned in the last 10 years?

#### Railway Projects in Tamil Nadu

581. SHRI S. VENKATESAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of railway projects under implementation in the State of Tamil Nadu along with the years of sanction original costs and revised costs of projects, as on date along with the funds released so far and spent on each of these projects in the State;

(b) the reasons for the delay, if any, in completion of these projects, project-wise; and

(c) the time by which these railway projects are likely to be completed?

#### PLCP Compliance

582. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI KARUNANIDHI:

Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

संसदीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government maintains a database on Pre-legislative Consultation Policy (PLCP) compliance since its institutionalisation in 2014;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of the bills passed in the Parliament since inception of PLCP of which the number of bills that complied with the requisite PLCP conditions?

#### Railway Line between Sultanganj-Banka

†583. SHRI GIRIDHARI YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether acquisition of land for laying railway line between Sultanganj-Banka is going on at a snail's pace due to which this project is not likely to be completed within its stipulated time period;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and

(c) the efforts made by the Union Government to ensure that the said railway line is completed within the stipulated time period?

#### Replacement Old Coaches by LHB Coaches

584. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the trains originating from Kerala that have been converted to Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) coaches;

(b) whether most of the long distance trains originating from Kerala are having dilapidated and refurbished coaches; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time bound action plan that has been initiated to replace these old coaches by LHB coaches?

#### New Trains to NER and AP

585. SHRI PRADAN BARUAH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the newly inaugurated Bogibeel Bridge situated in Brahmaputra River is mainly used to transport goods and commodities to the entire North East Region through the Northern bank of Assam due to short distance and less traffic, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is planning to start a new passenger train through this route for better connectivity of people of Northern Bank of Assam as well as Arunachal Pradesh to the rest of the country, if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) whether huge number of wild animals falling in the path of railway tracks dies due to improper wildlife corridor in the Southern Bank of Brahmaputra River and if so, the details thereof and the corrective action taken in this regard?

#### Ease of Doing Business

586. DR. HEENA GAVIT:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:  
SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:  
PROF. SAUGATA RAY:  
SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:  
DR. DNV  
SENTHILKUMAR S.:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has jumped 14 places to rank 63rd on the World Bank's 'Ease of Doing Business' 2020 recently and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the factors responsible for improved ranking;

(c) the steps taken to foster market-oriented development and broad-based growth in each of the sectors;

(d) whether the Government considers the said ranking as a criterion for tangible progress of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of the sectors that are lagging and need improvement for further improving India's ranking;

(f) whether the Union Government has sought the help of States for working in the lagging sector to further improve the ranking and if so, the details thereof and the response of each of the State Governments;

(g) whether the Government is targeting to join the club of top 50 economies on the Ease of Doing Business ranking in the coming years; and

(h) if so, the steps taken by the Government to achieve the target?

#### New Train to Telangana

587. SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received any representations requesting for

introduction of a new Sampark Kranti Express to Telangana from New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response of the Railways to the request and the details thereof?

#### Launch of Chandrayaan-II

588. SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the cost incurred on the launch of Chandrayaan-II;

(b) whether the launch was successful taking in view the various research on Moon which was planned by the scientists of ISRO and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for the failure of the Vikram Lander to land smoothly on the surface of the Moon?

#### Guidelines for Mobile Towers

589. SHRI SHANMUGA SUNDARAM K.:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the new radiation limit fixed by the Ministry for cell phone towers;

(b) the number of mobile towers not adhering to the new guidelines issued by the Ministry along with the action taken against them;

(c) whether the new guidelines will affect the network quality of all Telecom

Service Providers (TSPs) and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the TSPs would be allowed to install new towers across the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the guidelines laid down by the Government with regard to maintaining network quality and reduction of call drops?

#### Digital India

590. SHRI B.B. PATIL:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to convert India into a completely digital country and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(b) whether any private agency is involved in this project; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### Renaming Railway Station

†591. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the local public representatives have made suggestions to the Railway Administration and the State Government to prefix shiravane before Junagar Railway Station at Harbour rail route of Navi Mumbai;

(b) if so, whether the Railways has received the said proposal from the Chief

Secretary of the State Government of Maharashtra;

(c) if so, whether the Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation has taken any initiative to rename this railway station;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Atomic Energy

†592. SHRIMATI SHARDABEN ANILBHAI PATEL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the share of atomic energy in total electricity production in India at present;

(b) whether the Government has prepared any comprehensive scheme to double the said production; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Certification of Software

593. MS. PRATIMA BHOUMIK:

SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government certifies the software used in electronic devices, especially in mobile phones;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any instances of electronic devices using uncertified software have

come to the notice of the Government and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto along with the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) whether there are any safeguards proposed by the Government to ensure that software updates that are provided by companies comply with safety and security protocol laid down by the Government and if so, the details thereof?

#### Crash of Air Force Helicopter

594. MS. MALA ROY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indian Air Force helicopter was shot down early this year killing six people;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof along with the action taken thereon?

#### Contractual Workers

595. SHRI RAHUL GANDHI: SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of contractual workers engaged by the Railways has steadily risen over the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and year-wise details of contractual labour engaged over the last five years;

(c) the measures being taken to ensure that contractors comply with provisions of the Contract Labour (R&A) Act, 1970 and Minimum Wages Act, 1948;

(d) whether a grievance redressal mechanism for contractual labour has been put in place; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Railway Projects in West Bengal

596. SHRI SHANTANU  
THAKUR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by the Government to complete Habra-Bongaon Phase-1 (Habra-Chandpara) and Machlandapur - Swarnpur Nagar Railway project in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Modernisation of Railway Stations

597. SHRI MANNE SRINIVAS  
REDDY:  
SHRI PARBHUBHAI  
NAGARBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes being implemented for the modernisation of the railway stations in the country;

(b) the details of the amount allocated, sanctioned and utilised for this purpose, State-wise, including Gujarat;

(c) the details of the targets set and achieved as on date, State-wise, including Gujarat and Mehabubnagar in Andhra Pradesh;

(d) whether ROBs/RUBs have also been constructed near the railway stations throughout the country under these scheme;

(e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Gujarat; and

(f) the details of the amount spent on these?

#### Industrial Production

†598. SHRI DEEPAK BAIJ:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE  
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production in various industries has declined due to decline in demand of consumer goods in the market;

(b) the details of the sectors where the production has declined; and

(c) the details of decline in the industrial, automobile, real estate, energy, mining and steel sector during the last five years, year-wise and the current situation thereof?

#### Setting up of Industries

†599. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE  
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Japla Cement Factory/  
Dalmiya Nagar Industrial Cluster/

Limestone Mines in Chunhatta/PPCL factory existed earlier in the district of Rohtas in Bihar and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is no factory in the district of Rohtas presently due to which poverty and unemployment has reached its peak and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is true that the Kaimur plateau is rich in minerals;

(d) if so, the blue print drawn by the Government to exploit the reserves of iron/mica/bauxite/lime stone found in the said plateau spread over an area of 75 kms. from Ramdihra to Yadunathpur;

(e) whether the Government is contemplating on establishing any industry or factory in this region to eradicate poverty and unemployment; and

(f) if so, the time by which the said industries are likely to be established and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Creation of Separate IAS Cadre

600. SHRI TAPIR GAO:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of the proposal received from the Government of Arunachal Pradesh for creation of separate IAS cadre for the State of Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) the time by which the Government of India is likely to complete the process; and

(c) if not, the alternate steps proposed for this long pending demand of the State?

#### Fibre Network

†601. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER  
KAUSHIK:  
SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:

Will the Minister of  
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether only about 25 per cent of mobile towers are connected to fibre network in the country whereas this figure is more than 70 per cent in developed nations;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) whether the Government has fixed any time limit to tackle this situation and if so, the details thereof?

#### Installation of Solar Panels on Stations

602. SHRIMATI MANEKA  
SANJAY GANDHI:  
MS. DIYA KUMARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of stations across the country which are functioning on solar energy, zone-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to instal the same type of solar energy panels in other stations as well;

(c) if so, the details thereof, zone-wise and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the measures being taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) whether the Government is planning to invite Private partners for the installation of solar panels on railway stations and/or trains and if so, the details thereof?

#### Production of Defence Equipment

603. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has been successful in boosting domestic production of defence equipment under the "Make in India" scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has taken/ is taking any steps/measures to boost production of defence equipments in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the country's defence imports are likely to reduce in the next three years as a result of those steps/measures, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of the imports and exports made by the Government in the defence sector during the last five years, year-wise?

#### New Railway Lines in Bundelkhand

†604. SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH VERMA:  
SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of new railway lines in kilometre laid down under rail network in the country during the last three years along with the project being implemented by the Government to bring such areas under rail network which are still deprived of such facility and the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to lay down any new railway line in Bundelkhand area;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has also considered the plan of connecting the tourist and religious centres of Bundelkhand through railway routes and if so, the details thereof?

#### Chandrayaan-II

†605. SHRI KANAKMAL KATARA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any data to assess the progress of Chandrayaan-II mission;

(b) if so, the details of the progress of this mission;

(c) the amount spent by the Government on this mission;

(d) whether any assistance was sought from other countries to make this mission successful; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Coalfield fires in Jharia Mines

606. SHRI RITESH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether efforts are being made to douse the coalfield fires in Jharia mines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any efforts are being made to rehabilitate the people living near coalfields and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the quantum of losses to the Ministry due to damages by the fire and its associated phenomenon?

#### Know India Programme

607. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:  
SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:  
SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:  
DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR S.:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of youths who took part in the 54th Know India Programme;

(b) the objective of organizing such a programme along with criteria fixed by the Government for selection of nomination along with the funds allocated and spent for this programme;

(c) the number of such events organized by the Government since 2004 and achievements made so far;

(d) whether the number of participants under the above programme has come down over the last few years;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor during the last three years; and

(f) the manner in which the Ministry is planning to improve the programme for Indians abroad?

#### Industrial Corridors

608. SHRI UNMESH BHAIYASAHEB PATIL:  
SHRI P.C. MOHAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and status of each industrial corridor declared in the country including Chennai-Bengaluru industrial corridor and the States that are involved in these corridors;

(b) the amount sanctioned, approved, released and utilized so far on each of the Industrial Corridors, corridor-wise;

(c) the number of cities that would be covered under the Chennai-Bengaluru industrial corridor in the State of Karnataka;

(d) whether there is delay in taking up Visakhapatnam-Chennai Industrial Corridor and Chennai-Bengaluru industrial corridor;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor and if not, the details thereto; and

(f) the time by which this would be taken up and is likely to be completed along with the status of land acquisition for the said two corridors?

#### New Trains for Tamil Nadu

609. SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new trains that are proposed to be introduced by the Government and also those which have been introduced in the State of Tamil Nadu in the last four years; and

(b) the number of persons benefited, likely to be benefited therefrom?

### Wealth of Nizam

†610. SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:  
SHRI AJAY KUMAR  
MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the British High Court has given verdict in favour of our country and the successors of Nizam in the legal battle involving the wealth of the then Nizam of Hyderabad with Pakistan after partition; and

(b) if so, the time by which the said property is likely to be transferred to the country along with the details thereof?

### Raising New Regiments

611. SHRI ANUBHAV  
MOHANTY:  
SHRI ASHOK  
MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government maintain State-wise records of personnels in Defence forces and if so, the details thereof including Odisha;

(b) whether the Government proposes to raise new regiments named Kalinga Regiment and Birsa Munda Regiment to provide employment to the people of Odisha and tribal youth respectively; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be done?

### Jhansi as Smart Railway Station

†612. SHRI ANURAG SHARMA:  
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether only railways is the effective means for connecting common man/tourists with North to South and East to West in Jhansi due to which it comes under the category of major railway stations;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) the reasons for not including the 30 years old Jhansi railway station under the smart railway station category;

(d) the reasons for not including Jhansi that witnessed the freedom struggle and independence under the Vande Bharat Train; and

(e) the time by which Jhansi railway station is likely to be connected with Vande Bharat and Super fast trains?

### PSU Status to Ordnance Factories

613. DR. T.R.  
PAARIVENDHAR:  
SHRI A.  
GANESHAMURTHI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken a decision to convert all the existing 41 ordnance factories functioning in various States into Public Sector Unit (PSU);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Union Government has taken views of all stakeholders in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the number of employees working in these ordnance factories?

### IT Hubs and BPO Centres

614. DR. SUJAY  
RADHAKRISHNA  
VIKHE PATIL:  
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH  
SHINDE:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to establish IT hubs in major cities across the country to provide employment to youth in the IT sector at local level;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the achievement made so far by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government also proposes to open BPO centres in small cities to provide employment to youth in IT sector at local level and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of BPO centres opened during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the further action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

### Sustainable Development Goals

615. SHRI HEMANT  
TUKARAM GODSE:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any data sharing policy with different State Governments on Sustainable Development Goals;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether the committee has recommended changes in the policy of data sharing and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to frame a policy to share data, doing away with the existing means that would centralize database on different variables with cross bifurcation of socio-religious groups; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the mode of dissemination of data?

### Expansion of Railway Infrastructure

616. SHRIMATI RITA  
BAHUGUNA JOSHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware about the significant increase in the number of passengers commuting by the railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the ways envisioned for expansion of

railway infrastructure for catering to the needs of passengers; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for meeting the needs of the freight traffic?

#### Eco Smart Stations

617. DR. BEESETTI VENKATA SATYAVATHI:  
SHRI SRIDHAR  
KOTAGIRI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified 37 stations to be developed as Eco-smart stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any norms were followed in selecting the railway stations to be a part of this scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Uranium Mining

618. SHRI RAM MOHAN  
NAIDU KINJARAPU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has permitted Uranium mining in Nallamala forest inside Amrabad Tiger Reserve which is home to about 24 tigers and in the catchment area of river Krishna which is lifeline of the States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial action plan in cases of uranium contamination at all the three locations/sites?

#### Provisions Relating to Reservations

619. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued any specific guidelines on the above provisions relating to reservations for Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) being following by the Central Public Undertakings (CPSUs) and voluntary organizations, etc. as a precondition to sanction of grants-in-aid to the agencies or CPSUs;

(b) if so, the details thereof of the recipient body or CPSUs where at least 50 per cent of its recurring expenditure or stake/share is met from grant-in aid or joint venture from Central Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with outcome of implementation of the said rule; and

(d) whether adequate representation to the SCs, STs and OBCs in the services and posts has been provided under the control of voluntary agencies and organisation which receive grants-in aid from Government and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Projects in NER

620. MS. LOCKET  
CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of  
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH  
EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total number of projects started and completed in the North Eastern region in the last three years;

(b) the details of educational and health related projects running in the region; and

(c) the details of plans to increase the connectivity in the region?

#### Regional Comprehensive Partnership Agreement

621. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:  
SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE  
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is becoming a signatory to the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) and if so, the details thereof along with the names of the other signatory countries;

(b) whether the difference between India and China and with other member countries and uncertainty in global trade is affecting the decision;

(c) whether the RCEP is pro China which would affect Indo US bilateral trade and also reduce trade with the US and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the RCEP agreement will be beneficial for the Indian economy and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the RCEP would allow unfettered access of Indian market and also allow dumping of Chinese products into the Indian Market; and

(f) if so, whether there are special mechanisms to ensure that the Indian economy is protected from the dumping of Chinese goods?

#### Production of Bamboo in NES

†622. SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:  
SHRI RAMESH CHANDER  
KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT  
OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the North-Eastern States alone produce 35 per cent bamboo of the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to formulate any scheme to promote bamboo based cottage industries; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### National Law Universities

623. DR. DNV  
SENTHILKUMAR S.:  
SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM  
PATIL:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA  
BARNE:  
SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:

Will the Minister of LAW AND  
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of National Law Universities (NLUs) or the National Law Schools (NLS) set up and functioning in the country;

(b) whether the Government also proposes to set up a National Law School/ University in each State/UT, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to nationalize the National Law Universities (NLUs) and provide them the same status as accorded to other National Institutes and if so, the details thereof;



(d) whether the Government is also planning to undertake measures to provide adequate complaint mechanism in NLUs keeping in mind the constant strikes and protests therein and if so, the details thereof along with the complaints/protests during the last two years and the current year; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to include all National Law Universities in the list of institutions of national importance?

#### Indian Participation in Global Particle Physics Experiments

624. DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of Indian participation in global particle physics experiments like Belle 2 of Japan and the intended benefits of such projects;

(b) whether India plans to have its own project on the lines of particle accelerator of CERN;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the project implementation status of the neutrino observatory being established in Tamil Nadu; and

(e) the steps taken to ensure that the project is environmentally safe and the expected benefits of the project ?

#### Capital Procurement for Defence

625. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA:  
SHRI SRIDHAR KOTAGIRI:  
SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently given approval of Capital Procurement for the Defence forces amounting to over Rs. 3300 crores of indigenously designed and developed equipment to promote the Make in India Initiative; and

(b) if so, a broad break up of the sectors for which the amount is earmarked?

#### World Class Stations

†626. SHRIMATI KESHARI DEVI PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of railway stations identified to make/develop these as world class stations;

(b) the organization entrusted with the development work and the time in years for which this work has been awarded along with the estimated cost to be involved and the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which these identified stations are likely to be developed as world class stations?

#### Strength of Judges

†627. SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Judges per million population in India;

(b) whether the apex court has suggested the number of Judges per million population; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government for compliance of the order and mobilizing fund required for this purpose?

#### FDI Norms

628. SHRI SUBBARAYAN K.:  
SHRI M. SELVARAJ:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has allowed Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in coal mining, contract manufacturing and digital media and eased rules for single branded retail to make it attractive for global brands to invest in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the foreign investors in this regard and the details of the proposals coming from the foreign investors since the announcement was made in the last week of August this year?

#### Guidelines For Marketing Calls

†629. SHRI HARISH DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued any guidelines regarding the use of specific numbers for marketing calls to the mobile users by the various companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has fixed any time for making marketing calls to mobile users and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is receiving complaints from mobile users regarding marketing calls; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

#### Stoppage of Train

630. SHRI ANNASAHAB SHANKAR JOLLE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Ministry will consider the stoppage of all the trains passing through Raibag, Kudachi, Ugar and Chikkodi Road stations within my parliamentary constituency with immediate effect;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a positive move in this direction would give a sign of relief for thousands of rail passengers especially for those who are visiting the hospitals within the nearby towns; and

(d) if so, the stand of the Government in this regard?

#### National Policy on Electronics

631. SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY:  
SHRI BALLI DURGA PRASAD RAO:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps under The National Policy on Electronics 2019 (NPE 2019), to position

India as a global hub for Electronics System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any institutions have been proposed to be established under the said policy in the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Delay of Trains due to Fog**

†632. SHRI RAJESH VERMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any step has been taken by the Railways to avoid delay of trains due to fog;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of percentage of trains delayed due to fog during the last three years?

#### **Bullet Proof Jackets**

633. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of bullet proof jackets available to soldiers in the front line in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) the quality of bullet proof jackets that are available;

(c) whether such jackets are being manufactured indigenously;

(d) whether the Government is aware of the reports of casualties due to lack of bullet proof jackets; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

#### **Transfer and Mutation of Leased Property**

634. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of sanction for transfer and mutation of Old Grant Bungalows in cantonments pending with the Ministry as on date;

(b) the time since when each of the above cases pertaining to Old Grant Bungalows are pending for sanction;

(c) the number of cases of sanction for transfer and mutation of Leased properties in Cantonments pending with the Ministry as on date; and

(d) the time since when each of the above cases pertaining to Leased properties are pending for sanction and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

#### **Conversion of IPPB into Small Finance Banks**

635. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to convert India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) into Small Finance Bank which can accept deposits of more than Rs. 1 lakh and advance loans;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is limited uptake of facilities provided by IPPB in rural India due to limited connectivity and low bandwidth; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government to remedy this situation?

#### **Tax Exemptions to Indian Exporters**

†636. SHRI AJAY NISHAD:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has given exemptions in taxes, particularly to the Indian exporters in view of competition in international market so that sale and purchase of Indian commodities become easier and profitable;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) the details of exemptions given during each of the last three years;

(d) whether this kind of exemption is necessary and if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard; and

(e) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

#### **Death of Indian Workers Abroad**

637. SHRI UTTAM KUMAR REDDY NALAMADA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of reported deaths of Indian migrant workers in Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman and UAE since 2014 and the details of these deaths;

(b) the number of complaints received from Indian migrant workers in these

countries regarding poor working conditions and mistreatment;

(c) the details of action taken and the status of these complaints; and

(d) whether any measures are being considered or have been implemented to ensure decent working conditions for Indian migrant workers in these countries and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Biometric Machines in Trains**

†638. SHRI RAVI KISHAN: DR. RAM SHANKAR KATHERIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has planned to reserve seats in general boggies through bio-metric machines installed outside them in trains;

(b) if so, the names of the trains in which such arrangement has been made and the trains in which it is yet to be implemented;

(c) the names of the trains in which such an arrangement has been made departing from Itawah station; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which it will be implemented?

#### **Registered IT Companies**

†639. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of registered Information Technology (IT) companies functioning in the country as on date, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether more than 50 percent of the companies functioning in IT sector are not registered; and

(c) if so, the details thereof including the number of such companies, State/UT-wise and the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

#### Cooperation in Atomic Energy

640. DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of India in world in developing atomic energy and its technology;

(b) the countries being co-operated with in this regard;

(c) whether there is any collaboration with Israel in this area and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether our atomic energy policy strengthen our relations with foreign countries and if so, the details thereof?

#### Rail Network in Haryana

641. SHRI BRIJENDRA SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rail network in Haryana falls under 3 railway zones, *i.e.*, North-West Railway zone and Northern Railway Zone and North-Central Railway zone; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken/likely to be taken to put Haryana State under only one of the three zones for better management and coordination?

#### Cyber Security of Defence Network

†642. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:  
SHRI N. REDDEPPA:  
SHRI PASUNOORI DAYAKAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a report of continuous attack on the defence networks by cyber hackers and foreign intelligence agencies has come to the notice of the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of such incidents reported during the last three years and the loss estimated so far;

(c) whether the Government proposes to establish a permanent cyber command centre to prevent such incidents and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to ensure cyber security along with the safety of defence personnel having such covert and sensitive information?

#### Data Centre and Data Security

643. SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country has international level data centres and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether these centres have data security arrangement and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has mandated any standards for data security and data capacity creation in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor alongwith the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

#### Eradication of Poverty

†644. SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has fixed any target for eradication of poverty in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the percentage of people lifted above the poverty line during the last Five Year Plan period?

#### New Railway Lines in West Bengal

645. DR. SUBHAS SARKAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes/plans to start any new railway line or new train connecting Bankura, West Bengal to different parts of West Bengal and India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Expansion of Bhandara Road Railway Station

†646. SHRI SUNIL BABURAO MENDHE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plans for the development and expansion of Bhandara Road Railway Station of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said work is likely to be completed;

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide stoppage to Bilaspur Rajdhani and other trains at Bhandara Road Railway Station;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Development of Kollam Station to International Standard

647. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the railways has identified stations for development to international standards;

(b) if so, the details of amenities and development included in the stations proposed for development to international standards;

(c) the details of works proposed and initiatives taken at Kollam Railway Station as a part of development;

(d) whether the construction of pit line is essential for the development of Kollam Railway Station;

(e) if so, the action taken for construction of pit line; and

(f) the details of proposals pending with railways for the construction of pit line at Kollam Railway Station?

#### **Export-Import of Agricultural Products**

648. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has followed/adopted any criterion for imposing/lifting ban on export/import of various agricultural products from time to time;

(b) if so, whether the Government has conducted any study to ascertain the adverse impact on farmers/consumers of such imposing/lifting ban on export/import of agricultural products during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government proposes to formulate a long term consistent and predictable export-import policy of agricultural products;

(e) if so, the salient features of such a policy; and

(f) the corrective steps taken by the Government to protect the interests of farmers/consumers from the adverse impact of imposing/lifting ban on export/import of various agricultural products?

#### **Curbing of Fake News**

649. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a rise in sharing of fake news over social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether these fake news have led to an increase in crimes against vulnerable groups and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to curb the generation and sharing of fake news on social media platforms; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to regulate social media to contain the spread of fake news and consequential crimes and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

#### **Disinvestment in NLCI**

650. SHRI RAVIKUMAR D.:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is going to disinvest Neyveli Lignite Corporation of India (NLCIL) and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government has any plan to sell the shares to the State Government of Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Retrenchment of BSNL and MTNL Employees**

†651. SHRI PRATAPRAO PATIL CHIKHLIKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to merge the two public sector Telecom Service Providers (TSPs), BSNL and MTNL and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(b) whether the Government proposes to retrench employees of these two TSPs and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Government is aware that the number of BSNL subscribers is very less in comparison to other private sector TSPs and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

#### **ROB/RUB**

†652. SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the traffic density of three level crossings, i.e., 247, 248 and 249 adjacent to Sandila railway station under the Misrikh Parliamentary Constituency in Uttar Pradesh State is more than one Lakh Vehicle Unit (LVU) and all these LC are eligible to be replaced with Rail Over Bridge (ROB);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railway Ministry has taken any steps so far for cost sharing and to stop level crossing with necessary consent to make a consensus for ROB at these places;

(d) if so, the details in this regard;

(e) whether requests have also been received from public representatives in this regard; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this direction?

#### **Revival Package for MTNL and BSNL**

653. SHRI M. SELVARAJ:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the revival package/plan for the ailing MTNL and BSNL has been finalized and announced by the Government's and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to implement the said plan;

(b) whether the employees of these two public sector companies have been taken into confidence before finalizing the aforesaid revival package; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **State Government's Approval for Mining**

654. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to scrap the provision of State Government's approval for granting a mining place to the companies; and

(b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor?

#### FDI in Coal Mining

655. SHRI BALUBHAU *ALIAS*  
SURESH NARAYAN  
DHANORKAR:

Will the Minister of COAL  
कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of investment in coal mining from outside India as well as from within India in the last two years including the current year;

(b) whether the Government has proposed any policies to attract more investors from foreign countries in the coal mining industry; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### Detention of Fishermen

656. SHRI K. NAVASKANI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fishermen from various districts of Tamil Nadu detained by Sri Lankan Navy during deep sea fishing, district-wise;

(b) whether the Government is making any efforts to continue the dialogue with Sri Lankan Government on the issue of frequent detention of fishermen; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Setting up of High Court in Kurnool

657. SHRI ADALA  
PRABHAKARA REDDY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND  
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether lawyers of Kurnool Bar Association are on protest for the last 50 days demanding for setting up of a High Court in Kurnool;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to consider their demand favourably and solve the problems of litigants?

#### Number of Judges

†658. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR:

Will the Minister of LAW AND  
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of judges in High Courts at present country-wide along with category-wise number of judges belonging to scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and backward classes among them;

(b) the number of judges in Supreme Court and the proportionate representation of the aforesaid categories among them;

(c) the number of judges appointed from these categories as compared to the total number of judges appointed since independence till date; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to make any concrete initiative to ensure the proportionate representation

of these categories in judiciary keeping in view the basic principle of social justice and if so, the details thereof?

#### Cyber Attack on KKNPP

659. SHRI MANISH TEWARI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant was subjected to a cyber attack recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the nature of the data accessed and reportedly dumped onto a website;

(c) whether it is true that the cyber attack/intrusion was able to get access to the controls of the Nuclear power plant and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any formal investigation has been ordered into the incident and if so, the details of the members of the committee; and

(e) the current status of the said investigation?

#### Government Jobs for NER

660. SHRIMATI PRATIMA  
MONDAL:

Will the Minister of  
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH  
EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to provide academic and technical training for Government sector jobs for students of North Eastern Region;

(b) whether these schemes are open for all or is restricted to ST candidates;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the percentage of North Eastern candidates in Central Government jobs at present?

#### STP and EHTP Scheme

661. SHRI HIBI EDEN:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS  
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of Software Technology Park (STP) scheme and Electronic Hardware Technology Park (EHTP) scheme in the country;

(b) whether the implementation of these schemes has been successful;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether the Government is planning to provide any special packages for the development of STP and EHTP and if so, the details thereof?

#### Technology Incubation and Development of Entrepreneurs

662. SHRI BALLI DURGA  
PRASAD RAO:

SHRI MAGUNTA  
SREENIVASULU  
REDDY:

SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR  
BELLANA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS  
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of centres supported by the Government under the “Technology Incubation and Development of Entrepreneurs (TIDE)” scheme as on date and State/UT-wise break up thereof;

(b) the total budget allocated and utilized under the said scheme during each of the last two financial years;

(c) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of institutions that are supported under the aforesaid scheme in the coming years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### UN on Peaceful Talks

663. SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:  
SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United Nations (UN) has advised India and Pakistan to focus on resolving their differences peacefully through dialogue in the recent past and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that India has raised the issue of ceasefire violations and terrorism sponsored by Pakistan on various international platforms and if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of Governments of other countries against Pakistan; and

(c) the other steps taken by the Government to resume bilateral talks and resolve differences between the two countries?

#### Fake News and Objectionable Videos

†664. SHRI RAJENDRA DHEDYA GAVIT:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that questions have been raised through newspapers and the media regarding various cases of mob lynching, fake news and objectionable videos posted on social media and video sharing sites;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto along with the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) whether the Government has coordinated with the State Government security agencies or have held any discussion with them to stop these fake news and if so, the details thereof?

#### MoU between India and Switzerland

665. DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between India and Switzerland for cooperation in rail sector in 2017;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a high level delegation meeting was convened to review the progress made regarding cooperation in rail sector between the two countries;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the outcome of the said meeting thereon; and

(e) the details of sectors in Railways where Switzerland technologies have been adopted, approved by the Research Designs and Standards Organisation so far?

#### Usmanabad-Tuljapur-Solapur Rail Line

†666. SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH alias PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the scheme being implemented by the Government to complete the sanctioned Rail routes in the country;

(b) whether a demand has been made to complete Usmanabad-Tuljapur-Solapur Rail route by the Member of Parliament through an Unstarred Question dated 10/07/2019;

(c) if so, whether the Railways has sanctioned 904 crore rupees in January, 2019 and given an assurance for construction work; and

(d) if so, the time by which the land acquisition for the said work is likely to be completed by the railway administration?

#### Stoppage of Trains

667. SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that Jamunamukh Railway Station in Hojai District of Assam has been one of the oldest Railway Stations under NFR and if so, the reasons why Railways have kept out Jamunamukh Railway Station when scores of trains pass-through it; and

(b) whether the NFR will consider Jamunamukh Railway Station to be a short duration stoppage for the following trains:

(i) Kamrup Express (Train No. 15959-15960),

(ii) Silchar Fast Passenger (Train No. 55615-55616),

(iii) Silchar Express (Train No. 15611-15612),

(iv) BG Express (Train No. 15665-15666),

(v) Avadh Assam Express (Train No. 15909-15910),

(vi) Rangiya Special (Train No. 15967-15968 and 15927-15928), in the near future?

#### New Intercity Train

668. DR. RAJDEEP ROY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Silchar is the second largest city in the North East and the gateway to three different States namely Tripura, Mizoram, Manipur and partially Meghalaya, though Silchar is connected by train to Agartala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Sil-Ghy and Sil-Agt Shatabdi/Intercity can be started at the earliest; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Expansion and Safety  
of KKNPP**

669. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:  
DR. AMOL RAMSING  
KOLHE:  
SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY  
TATKARE:  
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO  
BHAMRE:  
SHRI KULDEEP RAI  
SHARMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the recent malware infection at the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant (KKNPP) in Tamil Nadu putting the entire nuclear plant at risk and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has initiated any investigation in the matter and if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(c) the other steps taken by the Government for the safety of Nuclear Power Plants in the country;

(d) whether Units I and II of Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant is operating at their optimum level and the Union Government has approached the State Government of Tamil Nadu to grant permission for further reactor expansion at the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant for Unit III and Unit IV; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the response of the State Government thereto?

**Lok Adalats**

670. DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO  
BHAMRE:  
DR. AMOL RAMSING  
KOLHE:  
SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY  
TATKARE:  
SHRI KULDEEP RAI  
SHARMA:  
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA  
SULE:  
SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of various Lok Adalats organized during each of the last three years and the current year in the country, especially in the States of Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu;

(b) the number of cases disposed and number of cases pending in various Lok Adalats during the said period;

(c) whether the Government has been able to achieve the target of disposal of cases filed in various Lok Adalats and if so, the details thereof and if not, the corrective action taken in this regard;

(d) whether the Government has provided funds to State Legal Services Authorities to enhance legal aid to the marginalized sections and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to organize such Adalats more frequently to bring about the early disposal of pending cases?

**Coal Blocks**

671. SHRI KULDEEP RAI  
SHARMA:  
DR. AMOL RAMSING  
KOLHE:  
SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY  
TATKARE:  
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO  
BHAMRE:  
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA  
SULE:  
SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of coal blocks under the possession of various State Governments as on date;

(b) whether any State Government has denied possession of coal blocks even after they paid the necessary amounts for coal blocks and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the States experience a lot of difficulties in obtaining a No Objection Certificate from the Union Government after the allotment to coal blocks;

(d) if so, whether the Government has formulated any action plan to streamline the procedure;

(e) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from various State Governments including Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu for allocation of coal blocks;

(f) if so, the details of proposals received during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(g) the details of the proposals cleared and pending out of them and the reasons for their pendency along with the time by which the pending proposals are likely to be cleared, State-wise?

**Benefits of RCEP**

672. SHRI THOMAS  
CHAZHIKADAN:  
SHRI NALIN KUMAR  
KATEEL:  
SHRI ANTO ANTONY:  
ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to sign or withdraw from the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP);

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is huge apprehension from public over RCEP and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to address this concern;

(d) the details of the salient features and benefits of joining RCEP; and

(e) whether the Government has assessed the impact of RCEP on agriculture in the country including stakeholders consultation/study and if so, the details thereof along with the major benefits to the farmers under the scheme?

**Survey of Railway Projects in  
Jharkhand**

†673. SHRI PASHUPATI NATH  
SINGH:  
SHRIMATI ANNPURNA  
DEVI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the name of projects of Railways in Jharkhand which have been surveyed and sanctioned but work thereon has not yet started;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) the current status of the said projects, project-wise; and

(d) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard so that work can be started on the surveyed projects?

#### Digital Payment Abhiyan

674. SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:  
SHRI DHANUSH M.  
KUMAR:  
SHRIMATI SANDHYA  
RAY:  
SHRI SELVAM G.:  
SHRI MOHANBHAI  
KALYANJI  
KUNDARIYA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched a nationwide awareness campaign "Digital Payment Abhiyan";

(b) if so, the details, aims and the objectives thereof;

(c) the details of other IT corporate firms and premier industry body that have collaborated in the said campaign;

(d) whether the country is expected to witness fastest growth in digital payments transaction across the world and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the measures taken by the Government to encourage digital transaction and promote digital economy/literacy, especially in rural areas of the country; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government for ensuring safety and security of digital transactions?

#### Functioning of Tribunals

675. SHRI SELVAM G.:  
SHRI DHANUSH M.  
KUMAR:  
SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:  
SHRIMATI SANDHYA  
RAY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tribunals functioning in the country as on date;

(b) the total number of cases pending in various tribunals as on date, tribunal-wise;

(c) the present status of progress made with regard to the merger of various tribunals in the country;

(d) whether the Government has consulted various Ministries under which the said tribunals are functioning and their responses in this regard;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and

(f) whether these tribunals have been successful in achieving their objectives and if not, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to review/improve their functioning?

#### India International Trade Fair

676. SHRIMATI SANDHYA  
RAY:  
SHRI DHANUSH M.  
KUMAR:  
SHRI SELVAM G.:  
SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 39th India International Trade Fair is being organized and if so, the details thereof and the main theme of the said fair;

(b) the details of foreign participants/companies and countries who have registered to participate in this fair;

(c) the details of the estimated number of MoUs to be signed and the quantum of foreign exchange earned/to be earned therefrom;

(d) whether the participants from India and abroad in the trade fair are required to do online booking of booths, if so, whether they are facing problems in online booking of booths due to any technical issue and if so, the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(e) whether the Government proposes to organize such international trade fairs in other parts of the country as well; and

(f) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to boost domestic trade through such trade fairs in the country and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Offset Contracts from Defence Sector

677. SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL  
SAMBHAJIRAO MANE:

DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH  
SHINDE:  
DR. SUJAY  
RADHAKRISHNA  
VIKHE PATIL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of offset contracts from Defence sector by Government during the last three years;

(b) whether Government has conducted or is aware of any study, on the ways in which the offset contracts have benefited Indian manufacturers and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India has been able to develop a strong manufacturing industry to invest Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the sector and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the total FDI inflow in Defence sector during the last three years; and

(e) the status of all defence projects undertaken under the Make-in-India-Initiative during the last three years and the current year?

#### Decline in Export Trade

678. DR. KALANIDHI  
VEERASWAMY:  
SHRI A. RAJA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the country's Export and Export Sector debt during the last one year within the country;



(b) whether both have dipped/declined during the last one year across the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise, including Tamil Nadu and the reasons therefor along with the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the Government is also planning to introduce new Export Policy within the country or has received any proposal from any State in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof including the time by which it is likely to be implemented and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Head on Generation (HoG) System

679. SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:  
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIV RAO MANDLIK:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:  
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO MANE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Railways has adopted an energy-efficient power supply system for coaches—the 'Head on Generation' (HoG) with the improvement in technology and continuous advancements in the field of power electronics, power supply systems, and control system and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the salient features of the HoG system and the total number of trains presently being run by the Railways under HoG across the country;

(c) whether the Railways is likely to save diesel cost by adopting HoG system and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Indian Railways is also planning to convert 11 more pairs of trains to the HoG system in near future, including two Shatabdi Express, two Duranto Express and two Mail Express trains and if so, the details thereof and the additional revenue likely to be earned by the Railways; and

(e) whether the Railways is also planning to introduce Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) AC coaches on several premium and mail express trains by adopting energy-efficient power supply for coaches—the HoG system and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard?

#### Mission Raftaar

680. SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:  
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:  
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Railways is planning to increase the maximum speed of passenger and freight trains to give boost to the project of 'Mission Raftaar' and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has also approved the proposal for increasing the speed of the Delhi-Howrah route to 160 kmph and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Indian Railways is working to cover the complete golden quadrilateral and diagonals that consist of

16% of its total network, but account for 52% of total passenger traffic and 58% of total freight traffic;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken to complete the said projects within the stipulated timeframe?

#### One Nation One Election

681. SHRI A. GANESHAMURTHI:  
DR. T.R. PAARIVENDHAR:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is in the process of implementing 'one nation one election';

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the advantages and disadvantages of the proposed decision;

(c) whether the Government has consulted all stakeholders on this issue and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which the proposed 'one nation one election' would be implemented?

#### Facilities for New Start-ups

†682. SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA:  
SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:  
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:  
SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is taking any initiative or providing facilities for new start-ups in the country during the last five years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether these facilities have resulted in increase in the number of start-ups and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of start-ups that are still functional for three years after their respective launch;

(d) the number of start-ups that failed in three years after their launch along with the details thereof;

(e) the number of start-ups which are functional in the parliamentary constituency of Pratapgarh at present and its contribution including the date since when it is functional along with the details thereof;

(f) whether the rate at which start-ups were founded has slowed down, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(g) the details of start-ups in the last five years, both city-wise and product-wise?

#### Reservation in J&K

†683. SHRI GOPAL CHINNAYA SHETTY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a provision of reservation in the Government jobs for the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Castes existed in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) before the revocation of Article 370 and 35A;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether revocation of Article 370 and 35A in the State has ensured reservation to the communities belonging to the reserved category;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the number of people from the communities belonging to the reserved category to be benefited from this in the time to come?

#### Data Collection and Analysis

684. SHRI RAJENDRA  
AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS  
AND PROGRAMME  
IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has been collecting data of employment generated across the country in sets of self-employed, privately employed and Government employed format for efficient data collection and analysis;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has also been collecting data of those employed through various investments in Infrastructure projects, increasing registration in EPFO, etc.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Setting up of Medical and Engineering College by CIL

685. SHRIMATI POONAM  
MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal India Limited has proposed to set up medical as well as engineering colleges in mining areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether in the absence of hospitals in many mining areas, the employees working in those areas are deprived of medical benefits; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

#### Lack of Infrastructure in Courts

686. SHRI SUDHAKAR  
TUKARAM  
SHRANGARE:  
SHRI RAVNEET SINGH  
BITTU:  
SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA  
DEVARAYALU:  
SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:  
MS. PRATIMA  
BHOUMIK:

Will the Minister of LAW AND  
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of subordinate courts in various States including Maharashtra and Rajasthan do not have sufficient infrastructure, including suitable court buildings/rooms and residential quarters;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district and taluka-wise;

(c) the amount of funds released under Central schemes for providing sufficient infrastructure in subordinate courts, State-wise;

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the number of complaints received from distressed NRI Indian women, who get deserted by their NRI husbands, has been on the rise in the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of complaints received, resolved and pending during the above time-period;

(c) whether the Government has online consular services for Indian women nationals who are in distress abroad and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is any future proposals for introducing such a system that can look after their interests and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether there is legislation in place for their protection and the existing mechanism to serve judicial summons to the accused NRI husbands and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Shortage of Officers

†689. SHRI KUNWAR  
PUSHPENDRA SINGH  
CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS  
AND PROGRAMME  
IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of efficient officers in the Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the work of the Department has been affected due to shortage of officers and lack of quality; and

(d) whether there are any pending funds to be released to States under any Central schemes for infrastructure purposes in subordinate courts including Rajasthan, Tripura and Maharashtra State and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of constraints being faced by the Government to help State Government in dealing with infrastructural challenges being faced by lower judiciary and the steps taken to address the same?

#### Rail Projects in Haryana

†687. SHRI DHARAMBIR  
SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of year of sanction, total cost, revised cost till date and the total amount of funds released and spent for implementation of each railway projects including those being implemented in Haryana;

(b) whether there is some delay in implementation of these projects and if so, the reasons therefor, project-wise;

(c) the time by which these railway projects are likely to be completed; and

(d) the time by which railway line from Bhiwani to Loharu and Delhi to Alwar via Nuh-Firozpur Jhirka is likely to be completed?

#### Complaints of NRI Brides

688. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

(d) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the details of the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Rafale Jet**

690. SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Rafale jets commissioned for Indian Air Force so far;

(b) the number of such jets handed over to the country by French company;

(c) the price of a jet in the Rafale deal;

(d) whether the pricing in this ongoing deal has any increase over the earlier deal and if so, the comparative details thereof; and

(e) whether the Indian Government recommended any company for the deal of making the Rafale jets for India and if so, the details thereof?

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